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THE HYPOCRITES VNMASKING.

OR

A Cleare Discovery of the grosse *Hypocrisy* of the *Officers* and *Agitators* in the *Army*, *concerning* their pretended forwardnesse, and reall syncere desires to relieve *Ireland*, with the obstruction whereof they falsely charge some of the 11 impeached Members, (who cordialy advanced it) in the 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13., 11, 12, & 14. Articles of their most false and scandalous Charge.

By a Letter of the *Agitators* to *Lieutenant Generall Cromwell*, March 30. 1647: and Colonell *Robert Hammond* his unreasonable Propositions to the Parliament; and some briefe Observations concerning Sir *Hardresse Waller*, and the Lord *Liste*; late *Governour* of IRELAND.

Isay 9. 16. 17.

For the Leaders of this People cause them to erre: and those that are led of them are swallowed up: For every one is an Hypocrite, *and an evill doer, and every mouth speaketh* Villany.

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A Letter of the Agitators to Leiutenant Generall *Cromwell*.

May it please your Honour.

WE, who have [for these two yeares past and more] bin by your 1 *Honour* conducted through many dangers, and by providence have been hitherto protected; who have often seen the devouring sword of a raging enemy drawn forth against us threatning destruction to us, and now see them vanquisht, and our selves seemingly setled in peace and safety, are not unsensible of a more dangerous storm hanging over our heads then ever the malice of our open Enemies could have contrived, or their furie caused to fall upon us, which unless diverted, strikes not only at our libertie, but also at our lives: *To whom* (next to our maker) *shall we fly for shelter but to 2 your* Honour, *our Patron and Protector? from what Secondary meanes shall we expect our deliverance; but from that hand that hath been so often ingaged with us? and from that heart that hath often bin so tender over us, and carefull for our securities?* Can we suffer, and, you not Sympathize? can we be proclaimed *Rebels*, and your *Honour* remain secure? Ah dear Sir, let your wonted care for us be further demonstrated: cease not to speak for us who together with your selfe, and in obedience to your commands have adventured all that is deare to us for the Kingdomes safety: Hath any thing bin desired by, that hath bin promised us, or then we have just cause to expect? if there hath, then let it and the Authors thereof perish. But can the Parliament upon mis-information passe us for *Enemies*, and we not therein perceive the designes of our *Enemies*? Can we be satisfied with a complement, *when our fellow souldi-*

1 Sir Thomas *Fairfax* (It seemes) was & is but a *cy-pher* with you: *Crumwell*, only your Conductor, and Generall.

2 This discovers, who is supreame head of the mutinous faction in the *Army*

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ers suffer at every 3 *Assize for Acts meerely relating to the War*. It is not our lives we seeke for: where shall we be * secured when the meere Envy of a Malitious person is sufficient to destroy us? were our Enemies in the field with their swords in their hands, we should expect no more then a bare command, and a divine protection in our indeavours to free our selves: but *it is another and a farre worse Enemy we have to deale with, who like Foxes lurke in their Dens, and cannot be dealt with though discovered, being protected by those who are intrusted with the* 4 *Government of the Kingdome*. It is the greife of our hearts that wee cannot desire our own security without the hazard of your *Excellencie* if but in speaking in our behalf. When shall we see *Justice dispensed without partiality*, or when shall the publique weale be singly sought after and endeavoured? *Can this Irish Expedition* be any *thing else but a designe to ruine and* 5 *breake this Army in peeces*? Certainly Reason tells us, it can be *nothing else*, otherwise why are not those who have been made Instruments in our countries deliverance, again thought 6 worthy *to be imployed*? or why, are such [who for their miscarriage have been cast out of the Army] thought fit to be intrusted, and those Members of the Army incouraged and preferred to that service, when they are for the most part such, as (had they considered their just demerrits) might rather have expected an 7 *ejection then imployment? We are sensible, Yea,* 8 *farre more sensible of the bleeding condition of Ireland crying aloud for a brotherly assistance, then those forward undertakers in this present designe manifest themselves to bee, and shall willingly contribute the utmost of our abilities toward their releife, when we shall see this to be the onely thing sought after and endeavoured*: But we are confident that you cannot but perceive, *That this Plot is but a meere Cloak for some who have lately tasted of Soveraignty, and being lifted beyond the ordinary sphears of servants* 9 *seek to become Masters & degenerate into Tyrants*. We are earnest therefore with your Honour to use your *utmost endeavours* that before any other or further

3 A more untruth, never cleared by any one reall instance; * The *Ordinance for Indempnity* hath prevented this danger.

4 The XI impeached Members, who now can neither protect themselves (though Innocent) nor others against these *Agitators* and the *Armies* rage, and violence.

5 What need they continue entire to oppress the kingdome with their pay and free-quarter, now the wars are ended.

6 So they were: as Major Gen. *Skippon, Massy.*

7 Because not of the Present faction & confederacy which they long have

face in conscience deserted. 8. Your contradictory Actions and present rebellious proceedings, obstructive and destructive to Ireland, proclaime this assertion untruth. 9 This is meerne of the Agitators and Officers in the Army, who now exalt themselves above king and Parliament, & give Lawes to both.

ther Propositions be sent to us, our expectations may be satisfied; which if they are not, we *conceive our selves and our friends as bad as destroyed, being exposed to the mercilesse cruelties of our malitious Enemies.* And shall your *Honour*, or any *other faithfull servant to the State, be appointed for the service of* Ireland, *and accept of that imployment, we* * *must of necessity* (*contrary to our desires*) *shew our selves averse to that service, untill our just desires be granted, the just Rights and Liberties of the Subjects of* England *vindicated, and maintained*: And then, (as God and our owne consciences beare us witnesse) shall we testifie to the Kingdome the * *integrity of our hearts* to the service of *Ireland*, and our *forward actions* shall demonstrate the sincerity *of our expressions*, in reference to that imployment. Once more, we are earnest with your *Honour* for your assistance; without it we are like to be wholly ruined, and having obtained it, may be inabled [as in duty we are bound] to expresse our selves.

* This is their reall forwardnesse to relieve *Ireland.*

* You should say *Hypocrisy.*
1 His in the first place, and a truth as to him.
2 This your present Rebellion and disobedience to the Parliament proves a falshood, in relation to the Kingdome.

Your 1 *Honours and the* 2 *Kingdomes most faithfull and obedient Servants, whose names are here annext, as agitating in behalfe of their severall Regiments.*

* Traiterous Mutineers by *Law Martiall*, and the *Common Law* of the Land.

Edward Sexby }
Tho. Moore } * *Agents* for the Generalls Regiment.

Samuell Whiting }
William Allin. } For the Lieutenant Generalls Regiment.

Anthony Nixson }
Tho. Sheppard. } For the Commissary Generalls Regiment.

William Iones }
John Cusby. } For Col. *Fleetwoods* Regiment.

Henry Gethings }
Edw. Starre } For Col. *Sheffeilds* Regiment.

Tho.

Tho. Lindoll
John Thomas } For Col. *Whalleys* Regiment.

Tobias Box
John Willoughby } For Col. *Butlers* Regiment.

Nichol. Lockyer
Ioseph Foster } For Col. *Riches* Regiment.

For our *Honoured Commander*, Leiutenant * Generall *Cromwell* these.

30. *Aprilis* 1647.

Propositions of Colonell *Robert Hamond* concerning the present service of *DVBLIN*.

1. THat the time of his imployment, and those of this Army going with him, in this service, 1 *exceed not two, or three Monethes at the farthest.*

2. *To have the* 2 *Proportion of money in hand for the pay of the said forces for the said Terme*, and that their pay be made good by the Parliament for what further time their returne and landing againe in *England*, shall by casuality of weather, or any other unavoydable necessity, be protracted beyond that time.

3. That good shipping, well victualled, both for Souldiers and Marriners, with sufficient convoy, be provided and appointed for the Transportation of the said Forces to *Dublin*, which shipping and convoy to 3 *be commanded to observe his directions in Order to that service, and not to depart untill he dismisse them.*

4. That.

* Though no present Officer in, or Member of the Army; yet now chiefe *President in the Councell* there, and is appointed a Commissioner for the Army to treat with the House, of which he is an *actuall Member*; as in contradistinction to the House. A strange *Mystery of iniquity.*

1 Why so? but only to carry on the designes now on foot here in the Army.

2 Yet these Gentlemen are not *Mercenary* and scorne and neglect their pay in respect of Justice and higher ends.

3 This Gent. would be supreame Commander both by Sea and Land.

4. That the ſaid Forces going over with him, be not obliged to * any other ſervice whatſoever, more then the poſſeſſing and defending of Dublin.

5. That there be imbarqued with them victuall for * ſix Moneths after their comming thither, for their ſupply, in caſe they ſhould be ſo beſieged, that it ſhould not be poſsible for them to returne for England, at the time appointed. *

6. That ſufficient ſhipping of Warre, convenient for that ſervice, lye in the River of Dublin to ſerve upon all occaſions, and to preſerve an intercourſe betweene the towne and releife by Sea in caſe the Enemy [being potent] ſhould beſiege the Towne: Which ſhipping to be commanded to obſerve what orders or directions they ſhall receeve from him in Order to that ſervice during his ſayd continuance there.

7. That ſhipping be ready in the harbour of Dublin victualled at the Parliaments Charge with ſufficient Convoy, * fourteene dayes before the expiration of the ſaid Terme, to tranſport the ſaid Forces back againe for England, which ſhipping to be commanded to obſerve his orders or directions in order to that ſervice, untill he be landed in England; and that in Caſe releife doe not come for him and the Forces of Sir Thomas Fairefax his Army with him, within foureteene dayes before the end of the ſaid Terme, That [whatſoever otherwiſe ſhall happen] It ſhall be lawfull for him and them to take ſhipping * ſeven dayes before the expiration of the ſayd time and to returne for England.

That a good Ingineere, 1 Gunners, Matroſſes, with pay for them, convenient Amunition and Proviſions of Warre with Materials to worke, as ſpades, ſhovels, Mattocks and the like, may be ready to goe with them.

That at Cheſter there may be 2 Fourteene dayes pay * ready for the ſaid forces at their returne put into the hands of ſuch as he ſhall name, to cary them from thence to their owne homes, in caſe the Army, whereof they are Members be disbanded.

That in all other things, they ſhall enjoy a like priviledge in point

* Their deſign therein was to poſſes themſelves of Dublin, not to relieve Ireland. this ſeemes unreaſonable when they would ſtay there but 2. or 3 moneths at furtheſt.

* he would be both Lord Generall and Lord Admiral at once, and command both by Land and Sea.

* A very reaſonable motion to waite ſo long upon his worſhip before hand, at ſo great expences, only for 2 moneths continuance (not ſervice) in Dublin.

* A very Iuſt demand to receive full pay beforehand for the whole time and yet to returne without Orders 7. dayes before the time.

2 What need ſuch extraordinary proviſion for 2 moneths ſervice only when monies were ſo ſcarce.

2 A very juſt requeſt for ſeaſe 2 moneths ſtay in Dublin:

point of Arreare or otherwise, with the Army * *Whereof they are Members if disbanded*

That the said * Colonell *Hamond* may *have the Command of the said Garrison of* Dublin *and of all the forces in it, during the said Term, or until he and the forces going with him be reliev'd, and also that a good Proportion of Money be provided for the contingent occasion that may happen, for the better carrying on of this worke, to be trusted in the hands of some, whom the Parliament shall appoint, and to be issued out, as Colonel* Hamond *shall Order.*

Which last proposition (as also some parts of the former) he would not have made, but that *he doubts and* * *findes, he shall not be able to get any considerable number with him to answer this service, unles they be so satisfied in the point of command during their stay.* Nevertheles, If that, or any of the other propositions be thought unfit [to manifest the * *reality of his intentions for the advancement of this service, in case it could be no otherwise supplyed*] he is willing himselfe, with as many others as he can *perswade*, to goe over for that space, upon what termes the *Parliament shall thinke fit, But he* * *doubts, that upon other termes then these, the number would not be Considerable.*

Sir *Hardres Waller*, a Colonell in this *Army*, one of the *Councell of War* there; a great stickler against the *Accused Members*, hath so litle zeale to *Ireland*, and so large a conscience [though he disdaines the thoughts of being *Mercinary*] as to continue with this Mutinous Army instead of repairing into *Ireland*, where he hath a pluralsity *of Offices* of *very great* trust and profit: being Major *Generall* of the Army there, Governour of *Cork*, and *Colonell* of 2, or 3. Regiments, and *Captain* of one Troop of Horse at once; receiving no lesse then 5079. 17s 4.d. this last yeare from the Houses for his pay and rayling forces for *Ireland*, which lay many moneths upon the western parts, and spent as much in free quarter as would have rayled five times more men, who yet were never transported thither to doe service there, till the Country rose up in armes against them and some of the accused members sent some of them over.

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* They knew the Army would not disband, & therefore would continue Members of it, and returne from Ireland to ioyne in their present designes

* To gaine all into the Armies power both in *Irel.* & *Engl.* to carry on their present designes the better.

* Pay before hand for all the time; 14 days pay at the return; and yet such a good proportion of *money besides*: is a very unreasonable demand of *mercinary men* for a months service only

* Therefore neither he nor his friends in the Army ever realy intended *Irelands* releif, but their own private interest and lucre

* *He* meanes *Hypocrisy*: Elsewhy such Articles or such a conclusion as this.

* Which puts al out of doubt, that the Army never cordialy intended Irels. releif, but only jugled with the Parliament therein.

The Lord *Liſle* [a great *Independent* and friend of the Armies] who in the 14. Article againſt the Members, accuſeth Sir *Iohn Clotworthy*, Mr. *Holles*, and Sir *Philip Stapleton*, for *Calling* him back from the Government of *Ireland*, of which he was made Lord *Preſident* for one yeare; did during that whole yeare ſpace, except *two moneths* in the Winter, continue conſtantly in *England*, without doing any ſervice at all in the Field; yet received his full pay of 10. l. a day [or more] for all the time he reſided here in *London* (being near ten moneths ſpace) as well as for the time he was in *Ireland*: During which yeare, he and his Agents received from the State no leſſe then 236000. l. in money and Proviſions for the ſervice of *Ireland*; and put the Kingdome to neare as much charge in quartering of Souldiers raiſed and deſigned for *Ireland*, which lay ſome 8. 9. 10. 11. and 12. moneths upon the Country on free-quarter, or more, and yet were not tranſported during his time; which money and forces if well imployed, might have reduced *Ireland* ere this: And to recompence this diſſervice, his intereſt in the Officers and Souldiers of *the Army* at this time, hath obſtructed the reliefe of *Ireland* of purpoſe to gaine a New Commiſſion for himſelfe to be Governor there; rather to promote his owne ends, and the Independents intereſts and deſignes, then the welfare of that bleeding Kingdome, which hath already ſuffered too much by his ſervice (bought at an over deare rate) as will appeare by his Accompts when they come to be examined.

By all which (and the late treacherous ingaging of Col. *Birch* his forces to joyne with Sir *Tho. Fairfax and the Army* againſt the *Parliament*, when they were to be ſhipped for *Ireland*, by letters and ſollicitations from the Army, and to returne to *Hereford*) let the world Judge of the *Armies* & *Independents* moſt deteſtable *Hypocriſie*, diſſimulation and *feigned* intentions to relieve *Ireland*, whoſe releiſe they have moſt wilfully obſtructed, and how falſe their Charge againſt thoſe worthy Members of the Houſe, for obſtructing its releiſe, is even for their moſt cordiall and reall endeavours to accelerate and promote it, all they could.

FINIS: